

Remarks

Claims 7-12 are pending in the present application. Figs. 1-3 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present application is requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 7-12 are allowed.

In paragraph 1a of the communication, the Examiner contends that Applicants' substitute specification filed 9/19/2001 does not conform to 37 C.F.R. 125(b) and (c) because the statement as to lack of new matter under 37 C.F.R. 1.123(b) is missing, and the handwriting is not permitted on the replacement sheet of the drawings. Respectfully, Applicants statement to regarding the Substitute Specification can be found on Page 3 of the Preliminary Amendment (Remarks Section) dated September 19, 2001, i.e., "[i]n accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), the Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) ***contains no new matter.***" (Emphasis added). In any event, for the Examiner's convenience, Applicants' hereby confirm that Applicants' Substitute Specification filed on 9/19/2001 contains no new matter.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because the Examiner believes that the drawings should include text labels. Applicants have amended the drawings to include text labels. Withdrawal of the objection is requested. The communication indicates that handwriting is not permitted on the replacement sheet of the drawings. Although Applicants are not aware of any prohibition to providing replacement sheets with handwriting, Applicants provide herewith the amended drawings with typewritten text labels inserted therein. No new matter has been added.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached Replacement Sheets include changes to Figs. 1-3. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-3, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1-3. Text labels have been added, as requested the Examiner.

Attachments: Two Replacement Sheets